MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Am I to understand that even if a paper publishes very defamatory articles, the Government would take a lenient view of the matter and would not resort to prosecution ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That general statement does not follow from my answer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): By publishing that article, was it not the view of the Government that the paper committed an offence ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer to part (*a*) gives that information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is it not a fact that when the Government warned the paper, they were quite convinced that the paper had committed an offence ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Then, why did they not prosecute the paper ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. It is not necessary that prosecution should be resorted to in all cases.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is there any rule framed by the Government that prosecution should be resorted to in particular cases and should not be resorted to in other cases ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): So, it is a matter purely in the discretion of the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Proportion of Communities represented in the Service.

103. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish statements showing the proportion which the number of officers drawing a pay of Rs. 100 and above in respect of each community bears to the total number of officers of the above category and the proportion which the population of each of such communities bears to the total population of the State; and

(*b*) the proportion which the number of Hindu, Christian and Mahomedan officers drawing a pay of Rs. 100 and above bears to the total number of appointments and the proportion which the population of Hindu, Christian and Mahomedan communities in the State bears to the total population ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government do not propose to prepare and furnish the statements called for as they consider that the time and labour involved in their preparation are out of all proportion to the advantage intended to be gained thereby.

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[Mr. K. George.]

(*b*) The member is referred to the *Civil List re* the number of Hindu, Christian and Mahomedan officers on Rs. 100 and above and the proportion may be worked out with reference to the population as per the last census.

Opening of a Sub-Registrar's Office in Paravur Pakuthi, Quilon Taluk.

104. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : (1) Is it a fact that the Government sanctioned the opening of a Sub-Registrar's office in Paravur *pakuthi* two years ago?

(2) If so, will the Government be pleased to state why it has not been opened as yet?

(3) Are the Government aware that after the Ezhava and Nayar Regulations have become law, the necessity for a Sub-Registrar's office here is felt more keenly than before?

(4) In view of the above, will the Government be pleased to open a Sub-Registrar's office there at an early date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (1) and (2) No new office was sanctioned to be opened in Paravur *pakuthi* but the Chattannur office now located at Nedungolam was ordered to be moved to the building formerly used as the Magistrate's court. The transfer has not been given effect to pending the execution of necessary improvements to the building.

(3) and (4) The Government have just sanctioned the opening, as an experimental measure, of five new Sub-Registrars' offices and the re-distribution of the Registration Sub-Districts as a result of the reported increase in the number of documents consequent on the Ezhava and Nayar Regulations and they cannot go on increasing their number in the absence of necessity clearly made out.

Removal of the Sub-Registrar's Office notified to be opened at Balaramapuram.

105. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) With reference to notification, R. O. C. No. 3445 of 26/Judl., appearing in the *Gazette* dated the 3rd Tulam 1102, *re* the opening of a Sub-Registrar's office at Balaramapuram, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Registration has made arrangements to open this office at Panavilakod instead of at Balaramapuram ;

(*b*) whether the Director of Registration replied to the deputation which waited on the Dewan and prayed for the removal of this office from Balaramapuram, that he could not do so since the Government have sanctioned the opening of the same at Balaramapuram after careful consideration and due deliberation and that the necessary notification was also being published ;

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